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**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** The File

**FROM:** Alfred DeMaria, Jr., M.D.  
Chief Medical Officer, State Epidemiologist  
Director, Center for Laboratories and Disease Control

**DATE:** March 3, 2007

**RE:** Investigation by Boston Police Department

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Sometime during the week of February 5, 2007, I was contacted by telephone by Lieutenant Detective Frank Mancini of the Boston Police Department, Internal Affairs Division. Difficulty in connecting by telephone resulted in contact occurring on February 20, 2007. Lt. Mancini informed me in a telephone conversation that he was involved in an investigation of alleged drug tampering and diversion involving Boston police officers. He reported to me that the investigation resulted in information that I should know about regarding the Drug Analysis Laboratory. We arranged to meet at the State Laboratory Institute on Thursday, February 22, 2007 at 3:30PM. He would bring another officer with him.

On February 22, 2007, I met with Lt. Det. Mancini and Sergeant Detective Courtney Matthews of the Anti-Corruption Division, Boston Police Department. Lt. Mancini and Sgt. Matthews explained to me that they were involved in an investigation of possible drug diversion at the Drug Evidence Depository of the Boston Police Department in Hyde Park. During this investigation, they discovered numerous instances of plastic evidence bags being slit, with material apparently removed. However, they also found evidence bags sealed and signed out by staff of the Massachusetts Department of Public Health Drug Analysis Laboratory for which the certificate, signed and notarized by the Drug Analysis Laboratory, did not seem to match. They provided examples, including:

- one evidence envelope with two sealed plastic evidence bags, one containing approximately 50 white tablets and another with about 12 yellow tablets, with the certificate indicating 71 clonidine tablets.

- One evidence envelope with a small glassine bag and piece of wrinkled rubber, with a certificate indicating heroin.

Because there were instances where the material in the sealed bags did not match the description on the certificate, they were concerned about tampering and diversion or errors involving the Drug Analysis Laboratory. The examples they provided could be interpreted in any of several ways, did not seem to be *prima facie* evidence of diversion, and in some instances did not make sense from a motive standpoint (e.g., diversion of a small amount of clonidine, a Class VI controlled substance).

I offered to cooperate completely with their investigation. We discussed several approaches to investigate concerns further, including a review of the paperwork regarding the case of "heroin" on the certificate and the debris in the evidence bag, as well as my request for submission of 20 case numbers of various types (both obvious tampering and sealed evidence bags) for blinded review of laboratory paperwork to identify possible explanations of any nature. I referred them to Charles Salemi, Supervisor of the Boston laboratory, for follow-up with this plan. I deferred providing a list of employees pending this case review and consultation with Human Resources. I also requested that, if there was evidence of possible criminal activity, that the State Police Drug Investigation Unit be involved in further investigation.

# Boston Police

DEPARTMENT

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March 19, 2007

To: Mr. Charles Salami  
Supervisor State Lab

From: Sergeant Detective Courtney Matthews  
Anti Corruption Division

Subject: List of Analysis Numbers

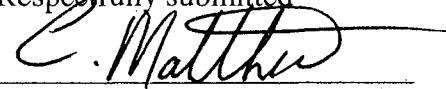
Sir,

Mr. Salami here are a list of analysis numbers with cases, which may have had its drugs, substituted.

### Analysis Numbers

704987 ✓	705044 ✓	705840 ✓	722021 ✓
723668 ✓	710623 ✓	660101 ✓	636735 ✓
638259 ✓	589055 ✓	692216 ✓	677316 ✓
670987 ✓			

Respectfully submitted



Sgt. Det. Courtney Matthews

Boston.PD sample inquiry

Lab#	date recd	date analyzed	chemist	result reported	comment
704987	12/12/00	12/28/2000	ZYT	Reserpine	OK
723668	10/19/01	11/08/2001	ZYT	Verapamil	markings DAN 5600 Should be Trazadone
638259	10/24/02	11/19/2002	ZYT	Alprazolam	OK
670987	2/13/04	5/13/2004	KMC	Trihexylphenidate	OK
705044	12/13/00	1/09/2001	ZYT/PJP	Diazepam	OK
710623	3/23/01	4/10/2001	ZYT	Acetohexamide	markings DAN 5599 Should be Trazadone
589055	4/25/00	5/30/2000	ZYT/JD	Diazepam	OK
705840	12/29/00	2/05/2001	ZYT	Acetohexamide	markings DAN 5599 Should be Trazadone
660101	9/05/03	10/22/2003	MGL	Clonidine	OK
692216	12/09/04	2/07/2005	ZYT	Clomiphene	Blister pkg intact labeled Clomiphene
722021	9/19/01	10/05/2001	ZYT	Metoprolol	Marking M 321 listed in Micromedex as Lorazepam M 32 is Metoprolol
636735	9/27/02	10/29/2002	ZYT	Secobar/Ephedrine	Markings 274-1 Blue Clonazepam by Micromedex search May have confused marking In DEA Drug Logo Index
677316	5/06/04	7/19/04	KMC/SJF	Alprazolam	OK